

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed S. 1215, The Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act.

House passed H.R. 2115, Flight 100—Century of Aviation Reauthorization.

House committee ordered reported nine sundry measures.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S7651–S7739

Measures Introduced: Sixteen bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1, S. 1230–1244, S. Res. 166, and S. Con. Res. 53–54.
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Measures Reported:

S. 686, to provide assistance for poison prevention and to stabilize the funding of regional poison control centers, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 108–68)
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Measures Passed:

Commending Medgar Wylie Evers and Myrlie Evers-Williams: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 54, commending Medgar Wiley Evers and his widow, Myrlie Evers-Williams for their lives and accomplishments, designating a Medgar Evers National Week of Remembrance.
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Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act: By 97 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. 220), Senate passed S. 1215, to sanction the ruling Burmese military junta, to strengthen Burma's democratic forces and support and recognize the National League of Democracy as the legitimate representative of the Burmese people, after agreeing to the following amendments proposed thereto:
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McConnell Amendment No. 882, in the nature of a substitute.
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McConnell Amendment No. 883 (to Amendment No. 882), to clarify the duration of certain sanctions against Burma.
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Energy Policy Act: Senate continued consideration of S. 14, to enhance the energy security of the

United States, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

Alexander Amendment No. 880, to require a report from the Secretary of Energy on natural gas supplies and demand.
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Rejected:

Feinstein Modified Amendment No. 876, to tighten oversight of energy markets. (By 55 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 218), Senate tabled the amendment.)
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Bingaman Amendment No. 881, to provide for a significant environmental review process associated with the development of Indian energy projects and to establish duties of the federal government to Indian tribes in implementing an energy development program. (By 52 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 219), Senate tabled the amendment.).
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Withdrawn:

Reid Modified Amendment No. 877 (to Amendment No. 876), to exclude metals from regulatory oversight by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission.
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Pending:

Graham (FL) Amendment No. 884, to strike the provision requiring the Secretary of the Interior to conduct an inventory and analysis of oil and natural gas resources beneath all of the waters of the outer Continental Shelf.
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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, June 12, 2003; that there be 90 minutes of debate remain on the Graham Amendment No. 884 (listed above); and that upon the use of that time, the Senate vote on or in relation to the

amendment, with no amendments in order to the amendment prior to the vote. **Page S7739**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following Nominations:

By unanimous vote of 97 yeas (Vote No. 216), J. Ronnie Greer, of Tennessee, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Tennessee.

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By unanimous vote of 97 yeas (Vote No. 217), Mark R. Kravitz, of Connecticut, to be United States District Judge for the District of Connecticut.

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By unanimous vote of 96 yeas (Vote No. Ex. 215), Richard C. Wesley, of New York, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit.

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Harlon Eugene Costner, of North Carolina, to be United States Marshal for the Middle District of North Carolina for the term of four years. **Page S7739**

Clay Johnson III, of Texas, to be Deputy Director for Management, Office of Management and Budget. (Prior to this action, Committee on Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration.)

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Messages From the House:

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Measures Referred:

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Privilege of the Floor:

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Record Votes: Six record votes were taken today. (Total—220)

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Adjournment: Senate met at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 7:57 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, June 12, 2003. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7739.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

HEALTH CARE ACCESS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, concluded hearings to examine health care access and affordability, focusing on cost containment strategies, including attention to reducing errors, eliminating waste and duplication in clinical care, modernizing and streamlining administration, promoting transparency and accountability for performance, and aligning financial incentives for physicians, hospitals, and other health care providers to reward high-quality and efficient care, after receiving testimony from Karen Davis, The Commonwealth Fund, New York, New York; Dave Hickman, Mercy Health Network, Des Moines, Iowa; John Mentel, Mayo Clinic, Jacksonville, Florida; James F. Fries, Stanford University School of Medicine, Stanford, California; Donald R. Hoover, Rutgers University, Piscataway, New Jersey; and David Bernd, Sentara Healthcare, Norfolk, Virginia, on behalf of the American Hospital Association.

APPROPRIATIONS: DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on District of Columbia concluded hearings to examine the District of Columbia's local budget request, after receiving testimony from Mayor Anthony A. Williams, Linda W. Cropp, Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, and Natwar Gandhi, Chief Financial Officer for the District of Columbia, all of Washington, D.C.

AUTHORIZATION—FTC

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Competition, Foreign Commerce, and Infrastructure concluded hearings to examine proposed legislation authorizing funds for the Federal Trade Commission, after receiving testimony from Timothy Muris, Chairman, Mozelle W. Thompson, Orson Swindle, and Thomas B. Leary, each a Commissioner, all of the Federal Trade Commission; Marc Rotenberg, Electronic Privacy Information Center, Susan Grant, National Consumers League, Larry Sarjeant, U.S. Telecom Association, and Ari Schwartz, Center for Democracy and Technology, all of Washington, D.C.; Sarah Deutsch, Verizon Communications, Silver Spring, Maryland; and Scott Cooper, Hewlett-Packard Company, Palo Alto, California.

PATIENT SAFETY

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations concluded hearings to examine patient safety issues, focusing on hospitals and other health care organizations' efforts to build and sustain a culture of continuous quality and patient safety improvement, after receiving testimony from James P. Bagian, Director, National Center for Patient Safety, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; Carolyn M. Clancy, Director, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, Department of Health and Human Services; Dianne Mandernach, Minnesota Department of Health, St. Paul; David R. Page, Fairview Health Services, Minneapolis, Minnesota; Dennis S. O'Leary, Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois; Robert E. Krawisz, National Patient Safety Foundation, Chicago, Illinois; Suzanne Delbanco, Leapfrog Group, Washington, D.C.; and Roxanne J. Goeltz, Burnsville, Minnesota, on behalf of the National Patient Safety Foundation, Partnership for Patient Safety, and Consumers Advancing Patient Safety.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 648, to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to health professions programs regarding the practice of pharmacy, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1225, entitled the "Greater Access to Affordable Pharmaceuticals Act"; and The nomination of

Anne Rader, of Virginia, to be a Member of the National Council on Disability.

NOMINATION

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded hearings to examine the nomination of Charles W. Grim, of Oklahoma, to be Director of the Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators Nickles and Inhofe, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

FORT BERTHOLD INDIAN RESERVATION

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on S. 1146, to implement the recommendations of the Garrison Unit Tribal Advisory Committee by providing authorization for the construction of a rural health care facility on the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation, North Dakota, after receiving testimony from Tex G. Hall, Mandan Hidatsa and Arikara Nation, and Frederick Baker, Mandan Hidatsa and Arikara Elders Organization, both of New Town, North Dakota.

NOMINATIONS:

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings to examine the nominations of William H. Pryor, Jr., of Alabama, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit, who was introduced by Senators Shelby and Sessions and Representative Bonner, and Diane M. Stuart, of Utah, to be Director of the Violence Against Women Office, Department of Justice, who was introduced by Senator Hatch, after each nominee testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 25 public bills, H.R. 2416–2440, and 2 resolutions, H.J. Res. 59 and H. Con. Res. 215, were introduced. **Pages H5265–66**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H5267–68**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 269, providing for consideration of H.R. 1115, to amend the procedures that apply to consideration of interstate class actions to assure fairer outcomes for class members and defendants, to outlaw certain practices that provide inadequate settlements for class members, to assure that attorneys do not receive a disproportionate amount of settlements at the expense of class members, to provide for clearer and

simpler information in class action settlement notices, to assure prompt consideration of interstate class actions, to amend title 28, United States Code, to allow the application of the principles of Federal diversity jurisdiction to interstate class actions (H. Rept. 108–148); and

H. Res. 270, providing for consideration of Senate amendments to H.R. 1308, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to end certain abusive tax practices, to provide tax relief and simplification (H. Rept. 108–149). **Page H5265**

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative La Hood to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today.

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Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Rev. Dr. Thomas A. Erickson, Interim Pastor, The National Presbyterian Church of Washington, DC.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Significant Accomplishment of Sequencing the Human Genome and Celebrating Human Genome Month and DNA Day: Debated on June 10, H. Con. Res. 110, recognizing the sequencing of the human genome as one of the most significant scientific accomplishments of the past one hundred years and expressing support for the goals and ideals of Human Genome Month and DNA Day (agreed to by 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 414 yeas to 10 nays, Roll No. 259);

Pages H5197–98

Commercial Spectrum Enhancement Act: H.R. 1320, amended, to amend the National Telecommunications and Information Administration Organization Act to facilitate the reallocation of spectrum from governmental to commercial users (agreed to by 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 408 yeas to 10 nays, Roll No. 260); and

Pages H5179–85, H5198

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant Reauthorization: H.R. 2350, to reauthorize the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families block grant program through fiscal year 2003 (agreed to by 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 406 yeas to 6 nays, Roll No. 261).

Pages H5185–90, H5198–99

Flight 100—Century of Aviation Reauthorization: The House passed H.R. 2115, to amend title 49, United States Code, to reauthorize programs for the Federal Aviation Administration by yeas-and-nays vote of 418 yeas to 8 nays, Roll No. 264.

Pages H5190–H5239

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure now printed in the bill (H. Rept. 108–143), modified by the amendment printed in part A of the Rules Committee report (H. Rept. 108–146), was considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment.

Pages H5210–26

Manzullo Part B amendment No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 108–146 that requires the Department of Transportation to submit a report on all waivers granted under the FAA “Buy-American Preferences” provisions (agreed to by recorded vote of 426 yeas with none voting “no”, Roll No. 262);

Pages H5226–27, H5237–38

Mica Part B amendment no. 1 printed in H. Rept. 108–146 that makes various technical and clarifying changes including the use of 76 seat jets to qualify for the commuter aircraft slots at Reagan National; revises Airport Improvement Program requirements; clarifies that anti-hijacking training for flight attendants is voluntary and will be provided by Transportation Security Administration; and di-

rects a GAO study on the compensation to airlines after 9/11;

Pages H5227–31

Norton Part B amendment no. 2 printed in H. Rept. 108–146 that repeals the provision requiring the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority to appear before Congress before approval of airport development project grants;

Pages H5231–33

Peterson of Pennsylvania Part B amendment no. 3 printed in H. Rept. 108–146 that removes co-payments from Essential Air Service communities that are located less than 75 miles from a small hub or less than 170 miles from a medium or large hub; and

Pages H5233–35

Pitts Part B amendment no. 4 printed in H. Rept. 108–146 that provides for consultation between a state Governor and the Secretary of Transportation on commonly used highway routes and further requires the Secretary to define a consistent standard for calculating the most commonly used route when determining Essential Air Service eligibility (agreed to by recorded vote of 422 yeas with none voting “no”, Roll No. 263).

Pages H5235–38

H. Res. 265, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to by recorded vote of 370 yeas to 43 nays, Roll No. 258. Earlier, agreed to order the previous question by yeas-and-nays vote of 219 yeas to 195 nays, Roll No. 257.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appear on page H5177.

Amendment: Amendment ordered printed pursuant to the rule appears on page H5268.

Quorum Calls Votes: Five yeas-and-nays votes and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H5196, H5196–97, H5197–98, H5198, H5199, H5237–38, H5238, and H5239. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATIONS SMALL BUSINESS FAIRNESS ACT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction approved for full Committee action the Military Construction appropriations for fiscal year 2004.

SMALL BUSINESS FAIRNESS ACT

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Began markup of H.R. 660, Small Business Health Fairness Act of 2003.

Will continue tomorrow.

FTC REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection held a hearing entitled "The Reauthorization of the Federal Trade Commission: Positioning the Commission for the Twenty-First Century." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the FTC: Timothy J. Muris, Chairman, Mozelle W. Thompson, Orson Swindle, and Thomas B. Leary, all Commissioners.

NATION'S FIRST RESPONDERS—SPECTRUM NEEDS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet held a hearing on entitled "The Spectrum Needs of Our Nation's First Responders." Testimony was heard from Representatives Harman and Weldon of Pennsylvania; Edmond J. Thomas, Chief Engineer, Office of Engineering and Technology, FCC; Norman J. Jacknis, Chief Information Officer, Department of Information Technology, Westchester County, State of New York; First Lt. Gene Adamczyk, State Police, State of Michigan; and public witnesses.

MATCHING CAPITAL AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, Trade, and Technology held a hearing entitled "Matching Capital and Accountability—The Millennium Challenge Account." Testimony was heard from John Taylor, Under Secretary, International Affairs, Department of the Treasury; and the following officials of the Department of State: Alan Larson, Under Secretary, Economic, Business and Agriculture Affairs; and Andrew Natsios, Administrator, AID.

CITIZEN'S GUIDE—FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT AND THE PRIVACY ACT

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and the Census approved for full Committee the following: The Citizen's Guide on Using the Freedom of Information Act and The Privacy Act of 1974 to Request Government Records.

MIDDLE EAST PEACE PROCESS AT CROSSROADS

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on The Middle East Peace Process at a Crossroads. Testimony was heard from William Burns, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs, Department of State.

COMMENDING SIGNING OF U.S.-ADRIATIC CHARTER; RENEWING THE TRANSATLANTIC PARTNERSHIP: A VIEW FROM THE U.S.

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Europe approved for full Committee action H. Con. Res. 209, commending the signing of the United States-Adriatic Charter, a charter of partnership among the United States, Albania, Croatia, and Macedonia.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on Renewing the Transatlantic Partnership: A View From the United States. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OVERVIEW OF RADIO AND TV MARTI

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere held a hearing on Overview of Radio and Television Marti. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Broadcasting Board of Governors: Kenneth Y. Tomlinson, Chairman; and Pedro V. Roig, Director, Office of Cuba Broadcasting.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Ordered reported the following measures: H. Con. Res. 21, commemorating the Bicentennial of the Louisiana Purchase; H. Res. 30, concerning the San Diego long-range sportfishing fleet and rights to fish the waters near the Revillagigedo Islands of Mexico; H.R. 74, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain land in the Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit, Nevada, to the Secretary of the Interior, in trust for the Washoe Indian Tribe of Nevada and California; H.R. 272, amended, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain land to Lander County Nevada, and the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land to Eureka County, Nevada, for continued use as cemeteries; H.R. 901, amended, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to construct a bridge on Federal land west of and adjacent to Folsom Dam in California; H.R. 1113, amended, to authorize an exchange of land at Fort Frederica National Monument; H.R. 1209, to extend the authority for the construction of a memorial to Martin Luther King, Jr., in the District of Columbia; H.R. 1284, to amend the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992 to increase the Federal share of the costs of the San Gabriel Basin demonstration project; and H.R. 1945, amended, Pacific Salmon Recovery Act.

CLASS ACTION FAIRNESS ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a structured rule providing 1 hour of general debate on

H.R. 1115, Class Action Fairness Act of 2003. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution. The rule provides that the amendments made in order may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Sensenbrenner and Representatives Scott of Virginia, Lofgren, Jackson-Lee of Texas, Delahunt and Sandlin.

TAX RELIEF, SIMPLIFICATION, AND EQUITY ACT—RELATING TO THE CONSIDERATION OF THE SENATE AMENDMENT

Committee on Rules: Committee granted, by a vote of 9 to 4, a rule providing that upon adoption of the resolution the bill, H.R. 1308, Tax Relief, Simplification, and Equity Act of 2003, with the Senate amendments thereto, be hereby taken from the Speaker's table. The rule provides that upon adoption of the resolution the Senate amendment to the title is hereby agreed to. The rule further provides that upon adoption of the resolution the Senate amendment to the text is hereby agreed to with the amendment printed in the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying the resolution. Finally, the rule provides that it shall be in order for the chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means to move that the House insist on its amendment to the Senate amendment to H.R. 1308, or that the House disagree to any further Senate amendment, and request or agree to a conference with the Senate thereon. Testimony was heard from Representatives Castle, Rangel, Levin, Tanner, Pelosi and Hoyer.

U.S.-RUSSIAN SPACE COOPERATION

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics held a hearing on U.S.-Russian Cooperation in Space. Testimony was heard from John

Schumacher, Assistant Administrator, External Relations, NASA; and public witnesses.

REVITALIZING AMERICA'S MANUFACTURERS

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing entitled "Revitalizing America's Manufacturers: SBA Business and Enterprise Development Programs." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the SBA: Daryl Hairston, Deputy Associate Deputy Administrator, Government Contracting and Business Development; and Kaaren Street, Deputy Associate Deputy Administrator, Enterprise Development; and public witnesses.

EPA GRANTS MANAGEMENT

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing on EPA Grants Management: Persistent Problems and Proposed Solutions. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the EPA: Nikki L. Tinsley, Inspector General; and Morris X. Winn, Assistant Administrator, Office of Administration and Resources Management; and John B. Stephenson, Director, Environmental Issues, GAO.

VETERANS' MEASURES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Benefits held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 886, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the payment of dependency and indemnity compensation to the survivors of former prisoners of war who died on or before September 30, 1999, under the same eligibility conditions as apply to payment of dependency and indemnity compensation to the survivors of former prisoners of war who die after that date; H.R. 1167, to amend title 38, United States Code, to permit remarried surviving spouses of veterans to be eligible for burial in a national cemetery; H.R. 1500, Veterans' Appraiser Choice Act; H.R. 1516, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a national cemetery for veterans in southeastern Pennsylvania; and H.R. 2163, to amend title 38, United States Code, to exclude the proceeds of life insurance from consideration as income for purposes of determining veterans' pension benefits. Testimony was heard from Representatives Simpson, Holden, Bradley of New Hampshire, Gerlach, Larsen of Washington on behalf of Representative Smith of Washington, and Wilson of New Mexico; John M. Molino, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Military, Community and Family Policy, Department of Defense; Frederico Juarbe, Jr., Assistant Secretary, Veterans' Employment and Training Services, Department of Labor; and Robert Epley, Under Secretary, Policy and Program Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

VETERANS' MEASURES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on the following: H.R. 1720, Veterans Health Care Facilities Capital Improvement Act; H.R. 116, Veterans' New Fitzsimons Health Care Facilities Act of 2003; H.R. 2307, to provide for the establishment of new Department of Veterans Affairs medical facilities for veterans in the area of Columbus, Ohio, and in south Texas; and H.R. 2349, to authorize certain major medical facility projects for the Department of Veterans Affairs. Testimony was heard from Robert H. Roswell, M.D., Under Secretary, Health, Department of Veterans Affairs; and representatives of veterans organizations.

ADMINISTRATION'S FOSTER CARE FLEXIBLE FUNDING PROPOSAL

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Human Resources held a hearing on the Administration's Foster Care Flexible Funding Proposal. Testimony was heard from Wade F. Horn, Assistant Secretary, Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services; Barbara Riley, Deputy Director, Office of Children and Families, Department of Job and Family Services, State of Ohio; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

IRAQ ECONOMY

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded hearings to examine the policies and procedures to encourage long-term economic growth and prosperity in reforming Iraq's economy, focusing on establishing a stable financial system that consists of new leadership, better security, free trade, regional banking, establishing new currency, and property rights, after receiving testimony from Hernando de Soto, Institute for Liberty and Democracy, Lima, Peru; Basil al-Rahim, MerchantBridge, London, England, on behalf of the Iraq Foundation; Rachel Bronson, Council on Foreign Relations, New York, New York; and David Ellerman, Washington, D.C.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 12, 2003

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to hold hearings to examine the Department of Agriculture's implementation of the Agricultural Risk Protection Act of 2000 and related crop insurance issues, 10 a.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine expanding homeownership opportunities, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine global overfishing, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space, to hold hearings to examine issues relating to cloning, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests, to hold hearings to examine S. 434, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to sell or exchange all or part of certain parcels of National Forest System land in the State of Idaho and use the proceeds derived from the sale or exchange for National Forest System purposes, S. 435, to provide for the conveyance by the Secretary of Agriculture of the Sandpoint Federal Building and adjacent land in Sandpoint, Idaho, S. 490, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain land in the Lake Tahoe Basin management Unit, Nevada, to the Secretary of the Interior, in trust for the Washoe Indian Tribe of Nevada and California, H.R. 762, to amend the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 and the Mineral Leasing Act to clarify the method by which the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture determine the fair market value of certain rights-of-way granted, issued, or renewed under these Acts, S. 1111, to provide suitable grazing arrangements on National Forest System land to persons that hold a grazing permit adversely affected by the standards and guidelines contained in the Record of Decision of the Sierra Nevada Forest Plan amendment and pertaining to the Willow Flycatcher and the Yosemite Toad, and H.R. 622, to provide for the exchange of certain lands in the Coconino and Tonto National Forests in Arizona, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine a Medicare prescription drug benefit, to be immediately followed by a business meeting to consider S. 312, to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to extend the availability of allotments for fiscal years 1998 through 2001 under the State Children's Health Insurance Program, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine repercussions of Iraq stabilization and reconstruction policies, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine certain issues relative to TWA/American Airline workforce integration, 2 p.m., SD-430.

Committee on Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 724, to amend title 18, United States Code, to exempt certain rocket propellants from prohibitions under that title on explosive materials, S. 1125, to create a fair and efficient system to resolve claims of victims for bodily injury caused by asbestos exposure, S. Res. 141, recognizing "Inventing Flight: The centennial Celebration", a celebration in Dayton, Ohio of the centennial of Wilbur and Orville Wright's first flight, H.R. 1954, to revise the provisions of the Immigration and Nationality Act relating to naturalization through service in the Armed Forces, and the nominations of David G. Campbell, to be

United States District Judge for the District of Arizona, Thomas M. Hardiman, to be United States District Judge for the Western district of Pennsylvania, Eduardo Aguirre, Jr., of Texas, to be Director of the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security, and Richard James O'Connell, to be United States Marshal for the Western District of Arkansas, to be immediately followed by a Subcommittee on Constitution, Civil Rights and Property Rights business meeting to consider S.J. Res. 1, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to protect the rights of crime victims, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Homeland Security, to mark up appropriations for fiscal year 2004, 10 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, briefing on the state of reconstruction and stabilization operations in Iraq hearing on worldwide U.S. military commitments, 9 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, to continue mark up of H.R. 660, Small Business Health Fairness Act of 2003, 9:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Education Reform, to mark up H.R. 2210, School Readiness Act of 2203, following full Committee markup, 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, to consider motions authorizing the issuance of subpoenas for certain records and testimony in connection with the Committee's investigations into (1) the financial collapse of HealthSouth Corporation, and (2) the safety of dietary supplements that are manufactured or marketed for use by children, 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing entitled "The Role of FCRA in the Credit Granting Process," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, Subcommittee on Human Rights and Wellness, hearing entitled "Canadian Prescription Drug Importation: Is There A Safety Issue?" 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, to mark up the following measures: the Millennium Challenge Account Authorization and Peace Corps Expansion Act of 2003; H.R. 2330, Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003; H.R. 1462, International Disability and Victims of Warfare and Civil Strife Assistance Act of 2003; H. Res. 58, recognizing the accomplishments of Ignacy Jan Paderewski as a musician, composer, statesman, and philanthropist and recognizing the 11th Anniversary of the return of his remains to Poland; H.R. 177, commending the people of the Republic of Kenya for conducting free and fair elections, for the peaceful and orderly transfer of power in their government, and for the continued success of democracy in their nation since that transition; H. Res. 194, regarding the importance of international efforts to abolish slavery and other human rights abuses in the Sudan; H. Res. 199, calling on the Government of the People's Republic of China immediately and uncondition-

ally to release Dr. Yang Jianli, calling on the President of the United States to continue working on behalf of Dr. Yang Jianli for his release; H. Res. 237, honoring the life and work of Walter Sisulu, a critical leader in the movement to free South Africa of apartheid, on the occasion of his death; H. Res. 242, expressing the condolences of the House of Representatives to the families of the victims of the terrorist suicide bombing attacks that occurred on May 16, 2003, in Casablanca, Morocco; a resolution expressing sympathy for the victims of the devastating earthquake that struck Algeria on May 21, 2003; H. Con. Res. 49, expressing the sense of the Congress that the sharp escalation of anti-Semitic violence within many participating States of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) is of profound concern and efforts should be undertaken to prevent future occurrences; H. Con. Res. 80, expressing the sense of Congress relating to efforts of the Peace Parks Foundation in the Republic of South Africa to facilitate the establishment and development of transfrontier conservation efforts in southern Africa; H. Con. Res. 134, acknowledging the deepening relationship between the United States and the Republic of Djibouti and recognizing Djibouti's role in combating terrorism; H. Con. Res. 154, concerning the transition to democracy in the Republic of Burundi; H. Con. Res. 169, expressing the sense of Congress that the United States Government should support the human rights and dignity of all persons with disabilities by pledging support for the drafting and working toward the adoption of a thematic convention on the human rights and dignity of persons with disabilities by the United Nations General Assembly to augment the existing United Nations human rights system; and H. Con. Res. 209, commending the signing of the United States-Adriatic Charter, a charter of partnership among the United States, Albania, Croatia, and Macedonia, 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

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Program for Thursday: Senate will continue consideration of S. 14, Energy Policy Act and vote on or in relation a proposed amendment (Graham Amendment No. 884), to the bill.

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Program for Thursday: Consideration of H.R. 1115, Class Action Fairness Act (structured rule, one hour of debate).

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